



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

Assembly Room, Town Lake Center

721 Barton Springs Rd.

Austin, Texas 78704

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jane Rivera, Chair; Richard DePalma, Vice Chair; Michael Casias, Rick Cofer, Alesha Larkins, Birger "Alex" Schmitz, Susan Roth, and Mark Vane

Board Members Absent:

Tom Donovan, Francoise Luca, Pat Wimberly

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of October 25, 2016.

Board Member Cofer made a motion to approve the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board regular meeting of October 25, 2016. Board Member Larkins seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6-0 with Board Member Vane and Roth off dais and Board Members Donovan, Wimberly, and Luca absent.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Frank T. Herrera, Austin Baseball League, addressed the board and expressed his concerns about the Parks and Recreation Board and Parks and Recreation Department not responding to the presentation made to the Board on December 8, 2015.

D. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Non-Consent

2. Make a recommendation to the City Council regarding the adoption of the Lamar Beach Master Plan.

Rebecca Leonard, Design Workshop, Charles Mabry, Park Development Coordinator, Austin Parks and Recreation Department and Kimberly McNeeley, Assistant Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, answered Board Members' questions.

Robert Corbin addressed the Board and spoke against approving the Lamar Beach Master Plan.

Natalie Dowd donated her time to Ellen Jefferson.

Ellen Jefferson, Executive Director, Austin Pets Alive, addressed the Board and spoke in support of the Lamar Beach Master Plan.

JoAnn Norton donated her time to Rusty Tally.

Rusty Tally, Austin Pets Alive, addressed the Board, praised the Parks and Recreation Department, YMCA, and Rebecca Leonard from the Design Workshop for working with Austin Pets Alive. Mr. Tally explained the benefits this organization brings to the City of Austin and expressed his support for the Lamar Beach Master Plan.

Melissa Morrow, Executive Director of WAYA, addressed the Board, commented on the Lamar Beach Master Plan development process, and expressed her support of the approval of this item.

Sara Marler, Austin High and AISD, addressed the board and expressed her appreciation of the Design Workshop and her support of this item.

Anna Crockett, Co-Director, RuffTail Runners, addressed the Board and asked the Board Members to recommend the approval of the Lamar Beach Master Plan to the City Council.

Board Member Roth made a motion to recommend adoption of the Lamar Beach Master Plan to the City Council. Board Member Cofer seconded the motion.

Board Member Vane proposed amendment to the motion to make pedestrian and bike access a priority. Board Member Roth and Cofer accepted the proposed amendment.

Board Member Vane proposed another amendment to the motion: make the South Parking area a lesser priority in Phase 1. This amendment was not accepted.

Chair Rivera read the amended motion for the vote:

Make a recommendation to the City Council to approve the Lamar Beach Master Plan including a recommendation that the bike and pedestrian access from the neighborhood to the park be the highest priority.

The amended motion passed on a vote of 7-1 with Board Member Vane voting against and Board Members Donovan, Wimberly, and Luca absent.

Chair Rivera called a recess at 7:34 p.m. and Board Members Cofer and Vane departed.

Chair Rivera called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board back to order at 7:44 p.m.

E. BRIEFINGS

3. ADA Transition Plan Briefing

Liana Kallivoka, Interim Assistant Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, and Jesus

Lardizabal, Altura Solutions, made a presentation to the Board regarding the ADA Transition Plan.

4. Parks and Recreation Department Resource Allocation Audit, completed by the Office of the City Auditor in August 2016

Kimberly McNeeley, Assistant Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding the Resource Allocation Audit.

D. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kimberly McNeeley, Assistant Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, provided update on the Seaholm Intake Facility project, Aquatics Master Plan, Youth Program Resource Allocations, Health Programming Collaborative, and listed upcoming agenda items.

E. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Casias—requested that the annual Contracts and Concessions Committee Report and creating a working group for future concessions be added to January 2017 meeting agenda. He also requested a contract with Epic SUP and PDOP working group update.

Vice Chair DePalma—requested an update on status of a feasibility study that was to be performed to evaluate the potential revenue, expenses, and independent joint use of natatorium.

Board Member Roth—requested and update on the Bull Creek District Park study.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.